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#### EXPERIENCED MEN NEEDED.

The retention of a democrat at the Chinese court as the representative of this country through one republican administration and the announcement that he will be kept at his post for some time to come is complimentary to Mr. Denby, but it shows, too, the necessity for a wide reform in our present disjoinable system. Mr. Denby has been in China long enough

to have become far more useful than could be expected from any new man. He has learned China and Chinese methods and customs. He is acquainted with the diplomatic issues between China, the United States and Europe and has become expecially acceptable to the Chinese government. No minister can prove of use to his country until he has reached such a position at the court to which he is accredited. To replace our representatives so often that they virtually remain strang. ers to their duties and devoid of influence, la a pelley dangerous to our best interests. No other nation of any consc quence pursues such a plan. The great powers train their diplomats as we train coldiers, while we oppose to mach regulars the rawest of recruits.

If the civil service rules are valuable at home and in other pranches of government work, as tending to give us merit and experience in public affairs, they are doubly necessary for our diplomatic arm. True, we do not affect a foreign policy We are becoming scattered ever the world less extravagance. to such an extent that we are being drawn plications whether we will or not.

Instead of hearing congress talk of limiting the operations of the civil service is now to cut off even needed appropriations law we should rather hear of its proposed in order to meet as far as possible the extension, at least to include our diplo- growing deficit. The majority sentiment tives of other countries. Mr. Denty's case becomes an object lerson.

### A VIPIATED PUBLIC TASTE

A noteworthy illustration of the deterioration of public taste with reference to the drama and the growth of the demand for the spectacular, the comic and the sensational, was exhibited in the patron age bestowed in this city last week upon two widely differing attractions.

During the earlier part of the week therwas a thoroughly capable company of actors to be seen at the opera house in a class of dramas that were universally popular only a few years ago-society and romantic plays of a high order of merit. In addition to such attractions as a strong admission to the choice seats in the house was but 30 cents. The audience did not half fill the parquette. Succeeding this company there was a "hodge-podge" show, excellent of its kind, it is true, but made up of burlesques, ballets, songs and dances It was a mixture of exhibitions of shapely the price of admission to the parquette was \$1,50? Was there a good audionce? The house was filled from pit to gallery.

The success of the trashy extravaganzas, with which the stage is overrun at the present time, is the excuse for their production. The public taste is skillfully catered to by the theatrical managers, and only those attractions are multiplied that catch the popular fancy. The regret is often expressed by the more intelligent people that the "good old dramas" have been so generally abandoned, but the fault is not with the theatrical profession, but with the public. Popular taste has become vitlated to such an extent that only s celebrity can draw out of the usual line of the rough farce, the racy and naughty skit, or the spectacular production.

The larger cities, and notably New York, re responsible for this debasement of stage. A metropolitan success in these days must be novel and questionable, as a ral thing, or the dressing and mountand realism of the play must be on a ale that can not be reproduced on the road. Whatever comes to us heralded and truthfully "as a New York draws crowded houses, while more us attractions are starved out. The big theatrical trust to exerting a banece, also, upon the stage-cutting character of atractions and the supof talent in order to increase the trust Whether there will ever be seen deal remainsance teting us up to make once more of public emuse-

tion now that the stage is being prostituted, and that it is done because vitiated public taste encourages it.

# HAWLEY AND THE GERMAN-AMERICANS.

The LaGrange Journal notices the reort from Washington that Representative lawley of the Touth Texas district will pass over the German-American element in that district and obtain the richest plums for Henry Furguson and a man named Lee of Galveston-the former to be revenue collector and the latter collector of the port of Galvaston.

In this connection the Journal remarks that Mr. Hawley was elected through the support of the German-American citizens of Fayette, Austin, Colorado and Lavaca countles and declares that without this vote the Galvesion man would have stood little show of election. It becomes interesting for the German-Americans in the Tenth district to inquire, therefore, of Mr. Hawley as to what returns for their support he and his party are giving them. date for congress last year that the defeat of the democracy meant restored confidence, the free and enlarged use of Eastern money in Southern development, good prices for crops and a new era of prosper-

The Post outs it to these German-Ameriises whether a single campaign pledge of redeemed? Has money been more plentiful the Tenth congressional district under the McKinley regime? Have prices for crops been better? Has not cotton con- States yesterday than were fed by any inued to go down under the continued gold other agency. The Army recognizes the below 5 cents? Have the German-Americans been remembered by appointment to lucrative offices? In a word, do they not now begin to see that Mr. Hawley and the mominating Mr. Bryan as a candidate for much more successfully than by the republican gold standard party have des president of Mexico since his flattering ceived the large farming element in the Tenth congressional district of Texas and, indeed, in the West and South where republican votes were cast in any considerable number?

How much longer will men with the sound practical sense with which the Gorman-American farmers are credited, be content to assist in upholding a financial system that is putting their cotton down to t cents, and other crops to a figure that scarcely pays for raising them, unless there be a food erop fatture abroad?

The class mentioned in the Journal may not seek nor even care for office, but the failure to bestow incrative positions upon them would be none the lass an act of logratitude on Mr. Hawley's part.

Now that no election is pending is the time for such citizens as the German-Americans of the Tenth district, who voted to maintain republican policies, to sit down quietly and ank in what single particular have they been benefited by so doing

#### REED'S PROPOSED SCHEME.

The National senate acts with far more independence and liberality, generally, in that would mix us with the interminable the matter of appropriations than the scheming for added power and territory house, and it is the rule that the house that actuates other governments, but we bills are sent back from the senate with have immense interests at scake abread. large additions, amounting often to reck-

The present autocratic speaker of the into the whirlpool of laternational cem- house proposes, it is said, to discipline the senate this ression in the direction indicated. The policy of the republican house matic corps so that we could always be in the senate in favor of free silver will represented abroad by men of ability and have little in common with the house, or long experience-men capable of holding the administration, when it comes to bolstering up the present financial system and status of the treasury and will hardly be found assisting Messrs. McKinley and Gage the out of a hote. The house appropriations, to the church. therefore, will be enlarged as usual through senate "riders," and it is Mr. Reed's scheme to deny the senate the right to tack on any

new items to the house bills. Under the rules in the house, amendments proposing new items are disposed of on points of order, as not germane to the bill, and Mr. Reed would have the rules so amended as to include senate riders in the same way and for the same reason. Such an amendment would strike at a practice followed for years by the senate and acquiesced in by the house, and it is very certain that the senate will resent the house's action in the premises and teach company and beautiful play, the price of the big speaker that the senate is somewhat stubborn and autocratic itself. The country can, therefore, expect a lively and prolonged parliamentary battle in the event Mr. Reed pursues the tactics threatened.

The matter is one of great significance just now to the country at large. There female anatomy, fun and horse-play, and are appropriations for great public improvements, to be asked that oughe to be granted, but which the house will be disposed to push aside. To the senate then the interested sections will have to appeal and, in all probability, with success. In the struggle ensuing the popular sentiment of the country would be, in consequence of the public's necessities in the various premises, likely to stand by the senate and compel Mr. Reed at last to give way. house's proposed action is too palpably designed for partisan purposes to command general respect or indorsement.

> The Kansas City Times truthfully says: The gigantle wheat duel between Leiter and Armour at Chicago is no more bush ness than the desperate play of gamblers. So far from doing any good it really injures business by unsettling prices, by tying up millions in unproductive operaas, and by tempting other men to aban. don legitimate industry for wild specula-

What is this two men and a woman ar ested in Brocklyn for fraudulently drawing a pension? Who can be guilty of this discriminative persecution?

The Spaniards are making all the capi tal possible out of the execution of Ruiz by the insurgents. Unfortunately they are finding American papers he there that are dead easy to bunco and ready to assist them in diverting public attention from the villainous outrages mitted almost daily by the Spanish in

are far more warlike and jingoish than

ever before. It is gratifying to find that mebody is trying to foster some spirit in the rising generations of Americans.

truck a rocky part of the road recently.

sealing award. It is one thing, however, to get a judgment against this great and giorious republic and another thing to the taxrayer alike. collect it. In the meantime our experience in the Bering sea arbitration is not calculated to make us rush frantically before

competency of their officers. It's the the "Cock of the North."

Secretary Sherman appeals to the Amertean public for ald for the Cubans. Of cane who were influenced by these prom- done for the Cut ans? Have they not, on the other hand, done everything they the republican-gold bug oarty has been could to continue the conditions which the public are now asked to relieve?

The Salvation Army probably fed more

The goldbug press is enthusiastically reception by our Southern neighbors. The goldburn are for anything on earth for

York in company enroute to the Kionlike to take care of the miners needing female assistance. It is probably assumed with nome basis of fact that the elder Mr. Weller's advice as to "vidders" has set yet pencirated the Klondike.

#### SOME POSTSCRIPTS.

More boys die in infancy than girls, The first portable clock was made in 1530, A gull can fly at the rate of 100 miles an

In Greenland polatoes never get larger than murbles. A heart without love is like a violin with-

The Bell Telephone company rents 204,-678 telephones. Paris gardeners buy toads for use as in-

sect destroyers. In Cheshire about 31,000 tons of cheese

The Castle of Heidelberg is the largest in Germany. The clock in Westminster Abbey is the largest in the world,

The colder the climate the greater the size of the human brain,

There are thirty-two cities in Austria with populations exceeding 29,800. The pape can speak English, German, Italian and French perfectly.

The German government proposes to try

to grow potatoes in Africa. In only three cases out of ten the sight It is said that a man's hair turns gray five years earlier than a woman's.

Browning, in his later years, drew \$10,-Naturalists say that, in property their size, spiders are seven times :

Before the land in the United Kingdom belonged

In Russia and Switzerland the govern-ment has a monopoly in the sale of spirit-

Cretan olive groves were injured to the \$10,000,000 during the recent troubles on the island.

### POINTS ABOUT PROPLE.

The Dean of St. Asaph delighted a London crowd recently by sprin pickpocket and cauching him. sprinting after a

Robert Barr, the novelist, who was ar-rested at Swediah, a port of Asiatic Tur-key, in November, has arrived in London and made formal complaint at the foreign Lieutenant Olofsen, the Danish explorer.

will next year fis out a new expedition to the Pamir regions in order to make geo-graphical and ethnological investigations. A collection of 276 letters by and to Sir. Philip Francis, after being offered in one block for 500 guineas in London, was sold at auction, the separate loss bringing a to-tal of \$2150. Dr. Marie Louise Benoit, who has fust

been appointed medical interne in the New York State Craig colony for epileptics, at Sonyea, is the first woman called to that service in that State. Prince Oscar of Sweden, who some time

ago gave up his royal rank to marry Miss. Ebba Munck and is now known as Count of Wisborg, has decided to go to Africa as a missionary, together with his wife. H. S. Townsend, who fought in the Black Hawk war when he was 18 years old, and was a lifelong and incimate friend of Lin-

coln and Grant, is living at Maryville, Mo., hale and hearty, at the age of 83 years. A new issue of postage stamps will be made in Holland to commemorate the coronation of the young queen next year. Professor Stang has been commissioned to paint her portrait, which will be used as a copy for these stamps.

Elizabeth Rider Wheaton, Entrapeth Rider Wheaton, the well-known prison evangelist, has visited every prison in every important city in the world. She has become known to most railroad men and receives annual passes over all the large lines in this country. Lord Dorchester, the grandson of Sir Guy Carleton, who commanded the British forces in Canada in the war of the revolution, has just died without male heirs. The title, which was granted in consideration of services against the American colonists, ecomes therefore extinct.

### Will Attract Settlers.

Centreville Democrat. The Hou?ston Fruit, Flower and Vegetable display was simply grand, and to the visitors from the frozen North especially was a wonderful and amazing sight, to see all kinds of vegetables and fruits in season at this time of year and flowers in full bloom. The display will no doubt prove worth thousands of deliars to Houston and the coast country, in the way of attracting settlers from the North to come to Texas to invest their money and make homes among us.

# PRISON MANAGEMENT.

Autin, Texas, December 25 .- (Staff Spe-Judge Rogers of the Federal bench in cial.)-Much was said during the prison Arkaneas decides that civil service or- congress recently held in this city in praise ders do not have the effect of law. The of the so-called advanced penitentlary ays-Pederal judiciary is coming bravely to tems with which Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylthe aid of the spollsmen by handing down vania and Minnesota are experimenting, such impeachments of the civil service but the delegates from those States skillcommission. Poor old commission! It has fully avoided comparison with the more practical punitory institutions maintained The dispatches from Washington tell us that Uncle Sam will only "look on" at the little play now being enacted in the far East. Uncle Sam always plays the wail-flower in these international blow-outs.

Britishers are said to be tickled with the sealing award. It is one thing, however, renitentiary to discuss the convict ques-tien from the standpoint of the prisoner and tract system prevails under State super-vision. The prisoners are worked in shops within the walls and the institution is more than self supporting, having made an international court soon again.

The British troops appear to have been getting the worst of it in the fighting in Northern linds owing larged and the United States. Its inmates are hu-It was argued by the Galveston candi- Northern India, owing, largely, to the in. manely treated, as was shown by good competency of their efficers. It's the other fellow now who is deflantly playing the "Cock of the North." of the patrons of the more aesthetic bas-tiles maintained farther East, while the taxpayer is relieved of the burden of their course the public will respond, but what important one, for no solution of the conhave Mr. Sherman and Mr. McKinley vict question can be considered acceptable terest has not been protected. He pays for the oiling of the judicial ma-

chinery maintained for the protection of society against law breakers and it is but poor and hungry people in the United justice that after the latter have been convicted they should be so handled as to make standard and searcity of money until it is wants of the stomach as well as of the of their incarceration. But this can be below 5 contest black the Garman-Ameri. lives a burden or treating them inhumanely. Respect for the law can be inquicated by reasonable though repressive methods cise of cruelty, if it is not forgotten that crime is the result of mental imperfections which are often hereditary. The new school of prison reformers, composed main-Mr. Bryan if they can only prevent bis ly of emotional female prison evangelists, renomination for the presidency here in trofessional humanitarians and lachrymose ociologists, assect that crime is bred by environment and that the transfer of a criminal from his daily hounts to one of the model penitentiaries of which they dream is sufficient to cure him of his evil habits. The experience of the States which have adopted their theories does not sustain have adopted their theories does not sustain them in this, however, or it would have been more readily given before the late prison congress. All the talk that was made there about the "gentlemen convicts" of Indiana, Ohio, Massachusetts and elsewhere falled to drawn the issue. The fact remained that crime has a rampant where 'ideal' retains crime is as rampant where "ideal" prisons are maintained as elsewhere and it not be successfully denied that the costly prison experiments which are being made by some States at the instance of modele-some, though good intentioned, theorists are simply tax-cating devices, in excuse of which practical results from any stand-point can not be shown. point can not be shown. Old time crooks and professional crimi-

nals who figure on spending half their lives in durance vile are great admirers of the Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania lng a little prists over its splendid issue systems, and it is in evidence that they give but little trouble after being locked up in those States. But one prison experience does not cure them. It is so easy to serve a term out and the good time allowances are so liberal that they cheer-fully obey the rules in force and willingly make the show of reform required of them. and return once, twice and often three times, a residence in jail baying become pore of a picasure than a nunishment in their eyes. And the taxpayer he pays the their eyes. And the taxpayer he pays the bddler, for none of the model conitentia-ries of the North and East are self support-States were fully aware of the existence of the above recited condition of affairs, beare the reluctance with which they approached the prison question whenever insistence was made that the psychological sate theory. of be turned towards the wall for

awhile. Incidentally Texas penitentiary affairs were discussed during the congress and a govern- splendid showing was made as long as talk on this subject was confined to conditions prevailing at Rusk and Huntsville. The lease feature of this State's penal system excited no favorable comment, however, The Texas delegates condemned it themselves and told of the efforts they have made to have it aboutshed—efforts which have failed because of the indifference of legislators as well as of the people at large, many of whom have in the bast allowed crejudices, excited by designing politicians and trouble-making essayisis, to govern them when given an operation. and trauble-making essayisis, to govern them when given an opportunity to vote alon propositions that contemplated the furnishing of means for the purpose of withdrawing the lensed coaviets from the hands of those who are speculating on their labor and of providing places for working them on State account. It was made clear that none of the odium of the lease system attaches to the corps of most efficient and remarkably progressive gentlemen who are charged with the management of the Texas renal institutions, they having done everything possible under existing circumstances to reduce its horrors isting circumstances to teluce its horrors, but the fact remained that Texas has gone but half way along the road towards true prison reform and hesitates in the matter of abandoning one of the most barbarous methods known for the handling of convicts without the excuse of necessity even for sticking to the farming out process, which has been fruitful of nothing but shame

Thanks to the spiendid work of the men who are now managing the State penitontlaries, though it is possible that the lease system may gradually be abandoned even without assistance from the legislature and other sources. A comfortable halance has been accumulated in the penitentiary treasury in the last few years and the penitentiary board is considering the ad-visability of purchasing additional lands end enlarging the State's penal farm holdings. By this method the board hopes by a grees to find employment for the surplus convict population, and to be relieved of the necessity of renting several thous-ands of its miscrable charges to planters to be herded and driven like beasts and subseque nily returned to society in a brutalized and unreformable condition. The beard's experiment will be watched with interest and every sincere friend of genuine prison reform and practical prison management will wish its members godspeed in their attempt to get rid of the remaining disgrace in the Tevas popularical department. in the Texas penalogical department. L. A. P.

## Ready for All Emergencies.

lampasas Leader. A. C. Jones, a veteran and a gentleman as a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday evening. He brought the office some butter, which was much appreciated. Certainly we take produce, and if some of the grocery men do not conclude to advertise, we may be compelled to live on pumpkins, aweet potatoes and butter, which would not be altogether so bad as coon skins and hoop poles.



LEWIS GEORGE CLARK, THE ORIGINAL OF UNCLE TOM.

#### LAST SUNDAY'S POST.

Nothing to Equal It. LaGrange Journal.

Sunday's edition of The Houston Post was a magnificent effort in journalism, covering fifty-two pages, with illustrated cover in colors. We have never seen anything to equal it among the papers of this section of our country. The mer-chants and business men of Houston make chants and business men of Houston make such enterprise not only possible, but profitable, by showing their appreciation in furnishing lavish advertising patron age to their great daily. There is no 'old fogyism' among the business men of the metropolis of South Texas. We congratulate The Post upon this splendid effort and commend it for the enterprise and energy exhibited. May it continue to prosper.

#### Best Ever Published.

Georgetown Signal. The Houston Post of last Sunday sur passed anything in the way of journalism ever published in Texas. It contained fifty-two pages, the outside pages printed in beautiful lithograph colors, and to be ism in Texas. Long live The Post and its

### The Post Gets the Blue Ribbon.

The Houston Post is justified in show of last Sunday. Just think of it! Fifty-two pages of telegraphic news from the four quarters of the globe, interest ing and pithy editorials, choice reading, reliable market quotations and

### duts Fits the Place.

in Willis Index. Charles A. Edwards, the new Washington correspondent of The Houston Post, ing. The prison congress delegates from this the position "yoost like de paper on Ohio, Pennsylvania and other model prison de wall," and is doing some very satisfactors were fully neares of the avisions of factory work for his paper. Charlte is a hustler from the bifurcation of Hustler's creek, and if there is anything to be had as a reward for energetic and persistent eportorial labor, he is sure to get his share of it.

### Growing More Enterprising

Groesbeeck Journal. The Houston Post is growing more and more enterprising and metropolitan. Its Sunday edition consisted of fifty-two pages, sunday contain consisted of hity two pages, including a four-page colored cover. There is not a paper published north of Mason and Dixon's line in a city five times the size of Houston that has such a paper as The Post.

#### The Biggest and Best. Corsicana Democrat.

The Houston Post of last Sunday was the biggest and best paper ever issued in Texas. The Democrat hopes that The Post may continue to presper and cele-brate each Sabbath with big editions, filled to the brim with good reading matter,

#### An All Round Hummer. Brazos Pilot.

Last Sunday's Post was the masterpiece of Texas journalistic enterprise. Fifty-two pages, the first four of which were highly illustrated and printed in colors. The Post is an all-round hummer and leads the procession by several laps.

#### Best Paper in Texas. Gainesville Hesperian.

The Houston Post's Christmas page to colors was a treat its readers will appreciate. to see that The Post is the best paper

A Red Hot Number.

#### Conroe Couriet. The Houston Post was a red hot num-

ber Sunday. It contained fifty-two pages in a colored cover. When it comes to en-terprise, The Post plays a full hand. The Post at the Head. Greenville Herald. The Christman edition of The Houston Post was marvelous. The Post stands

#### at the head of journalism in the Southwest, Biggest that Ever Happened. Gatesville Messenger.

Last Sunday's Houston Post was the biggest thing that ever happened in South-

### CLOCKS.

Church and tower clocks cost from \$300 The first portable clock was made in

Originally clock wheels were three feet Repeating clocks were invented by Bar-low about 1676.

There was a striking clock in Westmin-ster Abbey in 1638. The invention of the escapement is

Most of our clocks are made in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York. What are probably the finest clocks made a this country come from Boston. I revious to the setting up of a clock at Hampton Court, England, in 1540, no English clock went accurately.

Toothed wheels were first applied to clocks by Ctesibius about 140 B. C. The magnetic clock was invented by Dr. Locke of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1847-48.

The yearly output of American clocks far exceeds that of any other country. The clepsydra, or water clock, was introduced at Rome 158 B. C. by Scipto

It is said that Richard Harris and the younger Galileo constructed the first pendulum.

The imports of clocks and watches for year 1895-96 in this country amounted to \$1,623,222. Pendulums are affected by variations of

density of the air, as well as by changing emperature. The largest clock in the world is that in Westminster Abbey. It was set up on May 30, 1859.

The United States exported clocks and watches valued at \$1,460,375 in the year ending June 30, 1896. Railroad clocks are usually provided with

a compensating arrangement for the jar to which they are exposed. The earliest complete clock of which an accurate record exists was made in the Thirteenth century by a Saracen mechanic. The first stroke of the hour in a striking clock is supposed to take place at exactly the sixtleth second of the sixtleth minute.

America practically supplies the entire orld with clocks, nearly every civilized nation importing them from our manufacin early ages any device for measuring

time was known as a horologium. As late as the reign of James I of England clocks were called horologues. Most of the internal parts of watches and clocks, except the pinions and arbors, are usually made of brass, because of its ductility at ordinary temperatures.

The Westminster clock bas been so re-

markably uniform that for years the error has only reached three seconds on three per cent of the days in the year, Calendar clocks and those which denote the change of moon and month are gen-erally unsatisfactory, owing to the diffi-culty experienced in keeping their compilcuity experienced in keeping their cated mechanism in correct order.

### GAGE'S PLAN.

Secretary Gage's plans for currency reum are claborate and well lined out. bey will come to naught.-Fort Wayne

Secretary Gage says that the first object hat he has is to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard. If our thoroughly to the gold standard. If our memory serves us right the republicans claimed before the last election that we have the double standard. Secretary Gage now concedes that it is the gold standard, but not sufficiently thorough to suit him. Plymouth independent (Ind.)

The essential vice of the whole bill consists in its making the government re-sponsible for the bank notes issued under it, and perform all the labor of redeeming them, while the banks pocket the 21/2 per cent interest paid on the bonds they deposit as security. This will be sure to kill the bill in congress, if, indeed, it is ever seriously discussed by that body.— New York Sun (Rep.)

it may be natural for a National banker seek to throw all responsibility for coin edemption upon the government and to celieve the banks from responsibility ever for their own paper. But there is reason to for their own paper, But there is reason to believe that most people will incline to the opinion that if the banks are to have nearly all the profits arising from paper currency they should also be responsible for its redemption in coln.—Chicago Chronicle (Dem.) Chronicle (Dem.)

Scoretary Gage has now submitted his bill for reforming the currency to the house. His scheme has the implied indorse house. His seneme has the implied indorse-ment of the president. It must therefore be accepted as the unqualified expression of the republican party. The pretended friendship for the white metal was, therefore, only a sop to silver republicans. But that thin veneer is now off and we may expect a separation of forces, both in con-gress and out of it.—Richmond Sun-Telegram (Dem.)

fram (Dem.)

The presentation of a currency reform bill by Secretary Gage to the banking and currency committee of the liouse of representatives on Thursday has has already served one most excellent purpose. It has consolidated the discussion among our National law-makers on one tangihle and concrete plan for the revision of our monetary laws, and this was necessary if a tary laws, and this was necessary if a finance bill was to be passed during the present session of congress.—Commercial-Tribune (Rep.)

With President McKinley's recommenda-With President McKinley's recommendations, which go a part of the way in the path marked out by Secretary Gage, and the promised report of the monetary commission, the committee on hanking and currency will have before it the mature judgment of the administration and of the business interests of the country as a guide to its labors. It will defeat the just expectation of the country if it shall fall to agree upon some satisfactory mensure of currency reform.—Philadelphia Record (Gold Dam.)

Within the next month the plan of the monetary commission appointed from the convention at Indianapolis will have been convention at Indianapolis will have been submitted to the reconvened convention and will be before congress. Whatever may be the specific measures proposed they will necessarily have the same general purpose as that of the secretary of the treasury. It will then be the work of the sound money leaders in the house to advance that purpose in the best way that may be found placticable.—New York Times (Ind. Gold Dem.)

# GOSSIP OF

New York, Dec McCullagh has dea the police from the officers will bear in manner of the Nat vice stripe will be

Jim Key is a shown at a private number of newspaper horse astonished the much by the clever did tricks as by the he displayed. He sp up figures by taking up bered cards from a rac out a touch of the whipe-from the master. Jim's colored horse doctor, we understands every word witnessed the performs

Begging is not allowed of New York, but the per dently wink at all fraud and imposters in est imposter of all au to openly on the thorought the corner of streets and dreary psalm tune from organ. Before him lies a words and music. As he was in low, plaintive tonce is scans the leaves of the beath the turns them at regular in the is stone blind. He is an

It is reported at the office of Organization society that work are more numerous this last, but that the distress we not so great. At a conferen ciety the Rev. J. Lewis Park church, speaking on "The Units of Work," said of New York of Work, said of New York ple: "There are too many re-city; not all can be furnished It seems to be a charitable the men out of New York City. I we pay people to keep away how than give money to any other know of."

An international health are be held at the Grand Coulni h five weeks, beginning April 2 or F. Wingate, the director, the exposition promises to be en and instructive. The display of a floor space of over three sees. living pictures will be one of a features. Nikola Tesla vill and first time some novel apparate for the cure of certain disease to be submitted to the medical prin-critical examination as some it sibilities of electricity in the priof diseases and the prolonguist life. The phonograph, the or Thomas A. Edisce, will be there cations which the public as a with—not as a by, but as a see strument.

Agent Agnew of the Gerry in court the other day a boy live who was charged with being a smoker. The boy sings in a day habit has saved the neck of Palls Thomas F. Kenny, or the bills diana, at the Brooklyn navy note and 30 last. The defense was that it victim of opium and was not no for his act. The jury had the under the new Federal law of me. a verdict of "guilty," which to meant capital punishment, or "as out capital punishment." The in-dict, was rendered. It carries and

prisonment for life.

Perfidiens Albion's latest a

the trust line—the Milk Desien in tion-has become a reality vin and Dairy Produce company, 41121 \$15,000,000. Because the retail and ply of London is all in the bit company, the same idea is to be an English promoter instiguis ception of the scheme. A reinappropriate factor was found D. Gilmor, the cracker beker, ard, and successful organizer of the trust. His son and associate eather majority of the larger dains. York City were in the pool. The is to begin the sale of min take conditions without delay. The be better and cheaper, he say, the cost of its production will be. The feed supplied to the estimated will be done, according to the plans of the members of the united states. cure a healthy and nutritious per men in charge of the deliver to

# districted, so that the delivery ducted on a methodical basis OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF A teacher had told a cleas of by

to be uniformed, and the city

pils that Milton, the poet was mext day she asked if any at remember what Milton's greated was. "Yes'm," replied one and "be was a poet." Little Willie was saying in and having gotten as far as all die before I wake." he hesitisch then what?" said his mother, in

the unexpected reply. funeral. "Now, Johnnie," said the test may spell kitten." "K-l-l-lete the embryo lexicographer, cleined the teacher. "kitten two 1's." "Well, ours has no

observing youth. A little fellow of 5, fearing to Claus would forget him, wrete to ing letter: "Pleez feib me a sum carrs and a picter book and a dy and a peney and som utb.
P. S.—If the poney is a male;

behind leggs." "Mamma," asked a bright so who old will I be my feet. "Six years old, dear, if you we reply, "Well, suppose I don't reply, "Well, suppose I don't reply." tinued the youngster. "ell ch having birthdays just ille

"What do you want for Charley" asked a mother of his bopeful. "I want a real gus asked was the reply. "Oh, no." asked was the reply. "The replied Tommy, get their lives insured."

Huntsville Enterprise. Houston had large ci take care of during last her reputation as the in the State. The Post, as proud in giving its reads the different events of in-